

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Carla A. Hills
Chairman, Distinguished Civilian
Service Awards Board
U.S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D.C. 20415

Dear Carla:

Thank you for the invitation to submit nominations for the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service. I welcome the opportunity and am proud to nominate E. Henry Knoche, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

I am sure the Board is aware that the past two years have been a time of great challenge for the Central Intelligence Agency and the Intelligence Community. It was during this time, in April 1976, that the President nominated Mr. Knoche to be my deputy responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Central Intelligence Agency. His selection was made in recognition of his long and distinguished career as a foreign intelligence professional and manager. Mr. Knoche received the unanimous confirmation of the Senate.

The Central Intelligence Agency has previously produced intelligence professionals whose career service to their country culminated in Presidential appointments as Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. I am proud to submit a man of "Hank" Knoche's integrity and devotion to duty as a further example of the career intelligence tradition. I hope the Board will see fit to recommend him for this highest Presidential Award.

Security considerations surrounding Mr. Knoche's achievements have limited my freedom to go into detail in the enclosed submission. However, I would be pleased to have one of our senior staff officers provide additional information if the Board so desires.

Sincerely,

SIGNED *George Bush*

George Bush
Director

Attachment

E: HENRY KNOCHE

BIOGRAPHIC DATA

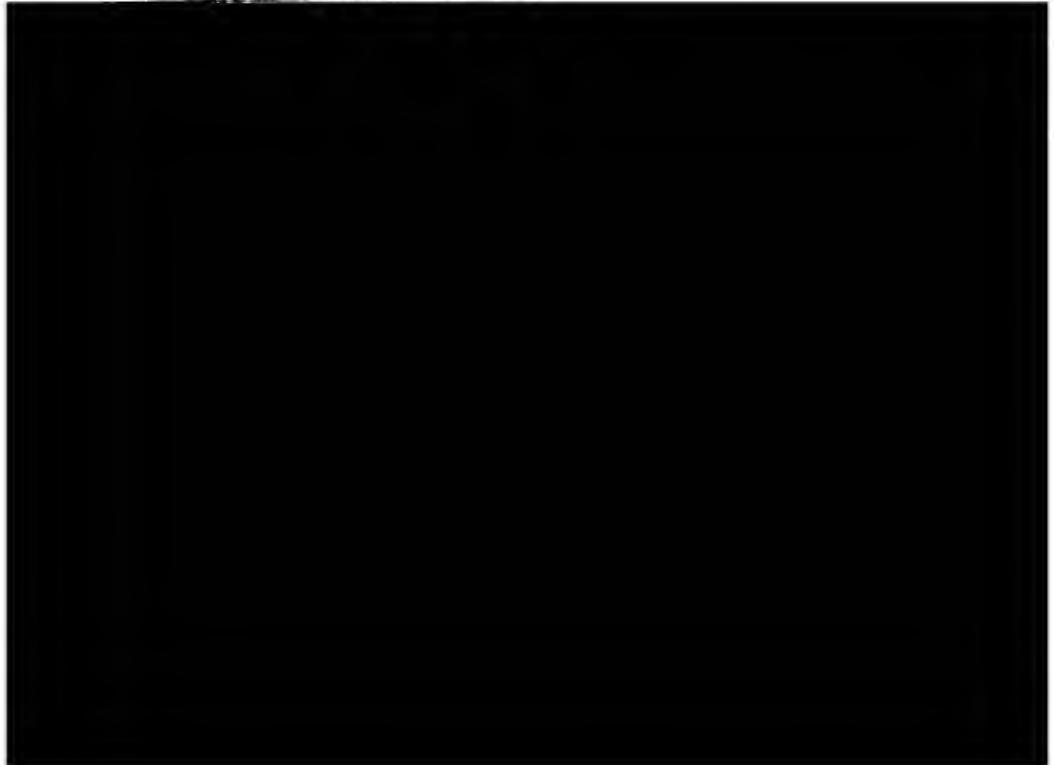
E. Henry Knoche

Title and Grade: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence,
Executive Schedule Level III

Date of Birth : 14 January 1925

Education : 1945-46 - U.S. Navy School of Oriental Languages,
Colorado University
1947 - Washington & Jefferson College (1942-43, 1946-47)
AB, Economics, Political Science
1968,
1970 - Federal Executive Institute,
Charlottesville, Virginia

Employment : 1943-46 - Ensign, U.S. Navy, Communications Intelligence
Specialist
1951-53 - Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, Intelligence Officer (NSA)
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E. Henry Knoche

As Associate Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community and as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, his leadership, resource management, and commitment to the highest principles of Government service combined with wit and human understanding to achieve success for the U.S. intelligence program in the most trying of times.

A career professional for more than 25 years, "Hank" Knoche's insight, integrity, and devotion to duty have continually improved the foreign intelligence product so vital to the Nation's security, and reflect the highest credit upon him and the Federal Civilian Service.

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